

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 12, 2016

A Public Hearing was opened at 7 PM by Supervisor Timothy Scee at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66, for the purpose of hearing any comments on proposed Local Law #3 of 2016, an override of the New York State Tax Cap Law. There were no comments and the Supervisor closed the public hearing.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield was immediately opened by Supervisor Scee and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Other members present were: Councilman Todd Farrington, Councilman Carson Lennox, Councilman Corry Lawler, and Councilwoman Victoria Pritty-Pitcher.

A motion was made by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9/15/16. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

In correspondence, Supervisor Scee received a call from the Rhode Center Food Pantry. They have an opening on their Board of Directors and asked if anyone on the Hounsfield Board would be interested in joining them. Councilwoman Pritty-Pitcher volunteered and the other Board members agreed. Supervisor Scee will send them contact information.

Supervisor Scee announced that a correction of Abstract #9 needs to be made and asked the Town Clerk to explain. The Clerk reported that the voucher for Town of Watertown water bill was calculated incorrectly and the Clerk to the Supervisor voided a check for \$219.45. A correct check and voucher #100553 was then issued for \$104.50. The September water district 5 fund was reduced by \$36.78 and the September water district 2 fund was reduced by \$78.17, for a total reduction of \$114.95 to the September 2016 abstract. A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher to approve this change. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

At this time Councilwoman Pritty-Pitcher left the meeting for a family emergency.

The Town Clerk read the Supervisor's Report for September 2016: Total receipts \$177,460.22, Total disbursements \$295,861.51, Total cash in bank \$116,369.74, and Total investments \$605,702.48. A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lennox to accept the Supervisor's Report for September 2016. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve payment of bills in abstract #10, vouchers #100554-100613: General Fund A \$15,929.57, General Fund B \$836.09, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$4,000.00, Highway Fund A \$12,457.23, Highway Fund B \$94,933.89, Water Dist 2 \$31,948.94, Water Dist 5 \$1,113.73, Water Dist 1 \$4,133.38, Water Dist 4 \$1,951.34, Water Dist 3 \$35,232.67, Abstract total \$202,536.84. All voted aye, and the motion was carried.

Dustin Clark of Barton & Loguidice was present to report that the water tank aeration project is completed except for a replacement starter to be installed tomorrow.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lawler to approve the Supervisor signing a no cost change order for adding requirements of EFC to the bid packets for the tank aeration project. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lawler to approve Amendment #1 for a \$10,950 increase to Barton & Loguidice in regard to increased work on the water tank aeration project. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Councilwoman Pritty-Pitcher rejoined the meeting.

A residential solar presentation was given at this time by Mike Johnson and Mark Dottolo of Alternative Power Solutions. They gave information on how other towns handle solar in their laws and permits.

Council members gave reports.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for September.

The Water Operator gave a monthly report.

The Zoning Officer gave a monthly report and she added that she would like to develop a solar amendment to the Town Zoning Law.

C'man Lawler asked the Board if it is possible for this Town to streamline the planning and zoning process for applicants. A discussion was held and Attorney Renzi reported that the State of New York sets laws and time lines for local planning and zoning boards to abide by.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lennox for Resolution #16-16, adopting Local Law #3 of 2016, overriding the tax levy limit as defined by General Municipal Law Section 3-c. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher to appoint Mana Doyle, 18857 Jericho Road, to the Board of Assessment Review for a 5 yr. Term to expire on 9/30/21. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lawler and 2nd by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher to change the internet provider at the courthouse from Westelcom to option 1 at Time Warner. All voted aye. Carried.

Supervisor Scee opened the floor for public comment at this time :

Sharry Rogers made comments on the upkeep of the Lakeside Cemetery.

Bruce Alcombrack, Highway Superintendent, gave the Board a letter of retirement effective 12/31/16.

Marlene Lennox announced a Pasta dinner at the Grange Hall to benefit repairs of the Grange.

Jon Vondell had comments on the sale of a lot in the Village by the Town.

A budget work session was scheduled for 10/18/16 at 6 pm.

Next regular meeting is 11/9/16 at 7 pm.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lawler to enter into executive session for an employee issue. All ayes. Carried.

The Board returned from executive session at 9:23 pm and this meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk